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SUBJECT: Public Health Related Bills  
H.B. No. 5460 – AN ACT CONCERNING THE ADMINISTRATION OF  
GLUCAGON IN SCHOOLS

Chairman Gerratana, Chairman Ritter, Members of the Public Health Committee:

My name is Kurt Krauland and I am writing to testify on H.B. No. 5460. Our son Casey was diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes in September 2015, 3 months shy of his 5<sup>th</sup> birthday. As you know, Type 1 Diabetes is an extremely serious condition which requires constant management. This is a critical factor for young children. Emergency situations may arise when the child suddenly experiences a severe low blood sugar level. In those situations, it may be necessary to immediately administer a shot of Glucagon. If Glucagon is not administered, the condition could result in disorientation, seizures, unconsciousness, and even death.

I understand that current law requires a volunteer to be trained in the administration of Glucagon. If there is no volunteer present, the child may be forced to wait until a first responder such as an ambulance arrives, which may be too long a period of time. I feel that every school should be required to have trained personnel on site to address these emergency situations should they arise.

Thank you very much for your time.

Sincerely,

Kurt & Jackie Krauland